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SUBJECT: STATISTICS ON PERSONS IN GOC CUSTODY

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1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO DETAILED MINISTRY OF JUSTICE STATISTICS, AS OF SEPT 30 GOC HELD A TOTAL OF 11,538 COMMON CRIMINALS AND 3,575 SECURITY CASES. BREAKDOWNS OF EACH GROUP BY CATEGORY (DETAINED WITHOUT CHARGE, AWAITING TRIAL, OR ALREADY SENTENCED) WER PROVIDED. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER SEC JUSTICE CAPT. MARIO DUVAUCHELLE PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF PERSONS HELD BY GOC AS OF SEPT 30. STATISTICS DISTINGUISH COMMON CRIMINALS FROM THOSE HELD FOR SECURITY REASONS, AND FURTHER DIVIDE EACH GROUP INTO CATEGORIES WE HAVE BEEN USING: THOSE DETAINED BUT NOT CHARGED (DETENIDO), THOSE INDICATED AND AWAITING TRIAL (REO-PROCESADO), AND THOSE CONVICTED AND SERVING SENTENCES (CONDENADOS). DUVAUCHELLE SPECIFICALLY STATED THESE FIGURES ARE FOR INFORMATION AND INTERNAL USE OF USG AND MAY NOT RPT NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. STATISTICS FOLLOW:

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COMMON CRIMINALS SECURITY CASES

I. DETAINED

MEN	1,475	694
WOMEN	141	86
MINORS-MALE	403	26
" FEMALE	296	2
TOTAL	2,315	1,078

II. AWAITING TRIAL

MEN	5,218	1,205
WOMEN	203	39
MINORS-MALE	253	5
" FEMALE	10	1
TOTAL	5,684	1,250

III. SENTENCED

MEN	3,378	1,235
WOMEN	130	11
MINORS-MALE	31	1
" FEMALE	NA	NA
TOTAL	3,539	1,247
GRAND TOTAL	11,538	3,575

3. DUVAUCHELLE NOTED THAT A FEW SENTENCED FEMALE MINORS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THESE TOTALS, BUT THAT THE NUMBER IS SO SMALL AS NOT TO MATERIALLY AFFECT OVERALL FIGURES.

4. DUVAUCHELLE STATED THAT NEARLY ALL OF THOSE STILL HELD AS RESULT OF JULE-SEPTEMBER MASSIVE POLICE-SWEEPS, PLUS THOSE SUBSEQUENT SMALLER SCALE SWEEPS, ARE INCLUDED IN CATEGORIES I AND II UNDER COMMON CRIMINALS. HE CONFIRMED OUR PREVIOUS INFORMATION THAT OVERWHELMING BULK OF THESE PERSONS WERE HELD FOR ONLY A VERY SHORT TIME ("A QUESTION OF HOURS") AND THEN RELEASED UNCONDITIONALLY, WITH REMAINDER BEING ARRESTED AS COMMON CRIMINALS, OFTEN ON BASIS OF WARRANTS UNSERVED DURING ALLENDE ERA; ONLY A HANDFUL WERE SHIFTED TO SECURITY GROUP. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SUCH OBSERVERS AS ICJ SEEM TO HAVE MISSED THIS POINT. (SEE SANTIAGO 6541 FOR EMBASSY COMMENT ON RECENT ICJ EXAGGERATED STATEMENT ON CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS POINT).

5. UNDER SEC INTERIOR MONTERO NOV 7 PROVIDED FIGURES FOR SECURITY CASES TO EMBOFF AS FOLLOWS: CATEGORY I - AROUND 500; CATEGORIES II AND II COMBINED (FIGURES "OFF-THE-TOP-OF-MY-HEAD") AROUND 5,000 (REFTEL).

6 COMMENT: PRESUMABLY, NEITHER SET OF FIGURES INCLUDES

PERSONS HELD UNDER INITIAL INTERROGATION, PROLONGED INTERROGATION, OR SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED FROM INTERROGATION CENTERS. THERE ARE NO ACCURATE ESTIMATES OF THIS GROUP, WHICH FLUCTUATES DAILY. DUVAUCHELLE'S STATISTICS ARE THE FIRST DETAILED FIGURES ON SECURITY DETAINEES WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN FROM THE GOC, AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO QUESTION THEIR ACCURACY.

7. DUVAUCHELLE'S STATISTICS REFLECT SITUATION MORE OR LESS AT TIME OF PINOCHET'S SEPT 11 SPEECH AND MIN INTERIOR STATEMENT OF OCT 3 (SANTIAGO 6083). SINCE THEN, MIR LEADER MIGUEL ENRIQUEZ WAS KILLED, AND GOC SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN MASSIVE NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST MIR; AS MONTERO NOTED (REFTEL), THIS RESULTED IN SOME ADDITIONS TO CATEGORIES I, AND POSSIBLY II. MEANWHILE, AS WE HAVE BEEN REPORTING, GOC CONTINUES TO RELEASE CATEGORY I PERSONS, AND SOME HAVE MOVED TO CATEGORY II, LEADING TO A NET DECREASE IN FORMER GROUP EVEN WITH ADDITION OF SUSPECTED MIRISTAS.

8. THESE FIGURES TEND TO CONFIRM OUR IMPRESSION THAT GOC IS MOVING ON THE DETAINEE PROBLEM. SEPT 30 TOTAL WAS 3,575 SECURITY CASES; OUR MID-JULY ESTIMATE WAS ABOUT 5,000 (SANTIAGO 4294).

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